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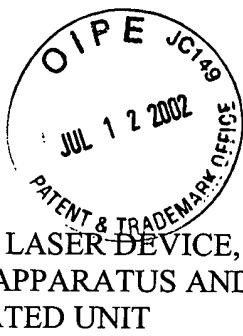
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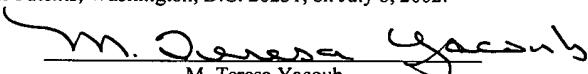
For: SEMICONDUCTOR LASER DEVICE,
OPTICAL DEVICE APPARATUS AND
OPTICAL INTEGRATED UNIT



) Group Art Unit: 2828
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 22, 2002, Applicants hereby elect Group I, directed to claims 1-6, and 31-35, drawn to semiconductor laser device wherein a spontaneous-emission absorbing layer for prosecution in this application.

In view of the foregoing election, examination on the merits is earnestly solicited and indication of allowance of at least the elected Group is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe a conference would be of benefit in expediting the prosecution of the instant application, he is hereby invited to telephone counsel to arrange such a conference.

Respectfully submitted,


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